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New safety calls after couple killed on A1307

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A COUPLE in their 70s died following an ac-

cident on the A1307 on Monday.

Maria Towers, 71, and Reginald Towers, 75, of Palmers Close, Linton, were killed in the

crash between Haverhill and Horseheath. They died when their Hyundai Matrix was involved in a collision with a Vauxhall Vivaro just before 3pm.

A 42-year-old Haverhill man suffered minor injuries.

The couple's grandsons Connor and Gary play for Linton Granta FC. 'A' team manager and family friend Tom Faulkner said: "The club are really sad for the boys. Reg used to come and watch their games when he could.

The club are all shocked and saddened."

The latest tragedy has prompted renewed calls for improvements to the road, on which three people have died since November. Haverhill's Chamber of Commerce is cam-

paigning for changes.

Chairman Paul Donno said: "It's absolutely shocking that there's been more death on this road. There was another death before Christmas, it's really awful."

He said he hoped a new road would eventually be funded – and that a dual carriageway had been previously discussed.

The Chamber of Commerce is working in



partnership with Suffolk County Council, Cambridgeshire County Council, Cambridge City Deal and St Edmundsbury Borough Council to improve safety on the road.

Mr Donno said: "Something is making the drivers do whatever they do on this road, something is not right here."

The road crosses parts of Suffolk and Cam-

bridgeshire, meaning there have been issues

over who has responsibility for it.

Mr Donno said Cambridgeshire County
Council had been supportive of the campaign to improve the road.

Haverhill Cllr Tony Brown said the collision just highlighted the problems of the road. He called on police to do more to enforce the rules of the road, including upping pa-

He said: "You rarely see police on the road, the only time is when they are clearing up an accident. Something needs to be done

Police are asking anyone who witnessed the collision to contact the road policing unit





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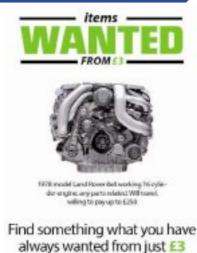
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EDUCATION



Vegas teacher feeling lucky

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A TEACHER is bringing home big ideas from Las Vegas

Becky Baldwin, 42, who teaches at Castle Manor Academy, Haverhill, has just returned from an educational scholarship in the US.

The scholarship is aimed at helping teachers provide learning outside the classroom.

After returning home Becky said: "The trip helped me think about my own teaching style and strengths.

"I've been teaching for 20 years and as teachers, we need time to just watch and think."

The trip was part of the Walter Hines Page Scholarship, which offers teachers the opportunity to study a specific aspect of education

which interests them and relates to their job.

Becky was joined on the trip by her daughter Ami, a Year 7 student at Castle Manor.

As part of Becky's scholarship she shadowed middle school students.

She visited the 1,700 pupil Anthony Saville Middle School which offers a number of opportunities for learning outside the classroom

She said: "I learned a lot from shadowing students at the school. Most of all, I learned that our UK students are very fortunate to have the opportunities and freedoms they have.

"When I got back, I spoke to my pupils at Castle Manor about the trip and they felt lucky to have regular access to open spaces and educational visits to support the curriculum."

During her trip Becky also

volunteered at an animal sanctuary that offers school visits.

Becky is used to international education.

Seven years ago she managed a Haverhill teacher exchange with Ghana schools through the Global School Partnership.

Reflecting on her experience Becky said: "This trip made me feel reassured that the challenges faced by teachers are worldwide and that I'm doing a good job and I'm valued as a teacher and a tutor."

Becky, who has been a teacher at Castle Manor for five years, read about the scholarship in a union magazine.

The trip was organised by the English Speaking Union (ESU), a programme which aims to promote the exchange of ideas, understanding and knowledge between Britain and the US.

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'Superhero' Greg rescues scaredy cat

A 'SUPERHERO' tree surgeon carried out a dramatic rescue after Vinny the cat became stranded 25ft in the air.

The Haverhill pet spent three days stuck up a tree – too cold and terrified to make its own way down.

Tree Surgeon Greg Mariutto drove for an hour from his base to rescue the mischievous moggie after attempts by the RSPCA and fire services failed.

He said: "Climbing up trees is second nature to me but this is the first time I have ever rescued anything - I feel a bit like a superhero.

Greg, who lives in Essex, travelled to Haverhill on January 3 after getting a call from a friend.

He said: "He was hanging on for dear life, bless his heart.

Vinny had been stuck since New Year's Day. He had no food or shelter from the harsh weather and was too scared to find a way down.

The eight-month-old cat was soaked from head to tail when he was eventually rescued.

Greg's girlfriend, Ashley, stood with nervous neighbours to watch the

heroic rescue.

She said: "Greg gently coaxed the cat and then quickly grabbed him,

"He comforted Vinny, stopping half way as he could see the cat becoming increasingly distressed."

Greg used his specialist equipment to save Vinny and get him back in the arms of his relieved owner.



Council Tax set to rise 17p a week

HAVERHILL Town Council has proposed a rise in council tax.

The decision would see the council tax for a Band B property, which effects most Haverhill residents, rise by 10 per cent this year. This would work out at an additional 17p per week.

There would then be a rise of a

further two per cent year-on-year for the next three years. Equal to 3.5p per week.

Town clerk Colin Poole said: "The blame for this falls squarely on the shoulders of Eric Pickles when he was Communities Secretary. He introduced a threat of capping which, if implemented, would plunge the local council sector into having to make cuts, whether their community wanted them or not." At the meeting councillors

overwhelmingly supported the move to increase council tax, arguing it was the only way to preserve local services in the face of government

Haverhill mayor David Roach admitted at the meeting this was never good news but said that doing something to protect services was better than doing nothing. The decision was taken at a

meeting of the finance committee on Tuesday night.

A final decision will be made at a full council meeting on January 24.

Charity thief is sentenced

A THIEF who snatched a charity bucket from one of Santa's helpers before Christmas was given a com-

munity order on Tuesday.
Liam Basham, 22, of
Haverhill Road, Castle
Camps, grabbed the bucket
from the hands of Haverhill Rotary Club volunteer Mike Morris on December 10.

The bucket of money was taken from Mr Morris as he walked alone to his car on

the Saturday afternoon

Mr Morris said: "The
bucket was snatched out of my hand, that was all I knew about it. It took several seconds to register what happened."

Members of the public gave chase and were able to tell police exactly where Basham had headed.

Police arrested him the same day.

Basham appeared at Ipswich Magistrates' Court and was given a community order for 150 hours of unpaid work over the next 12 months

He was also ordered to

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pay an £85 victim surcharge and £85 in court costs after pleading guilty

Reacting to the court's decision Mr Morris said: "I'm glad they caught him and he vent up in court.

"I'm also glad he has suffered some sort of penalty for what he's done." Haverhill Rotary Club

continued to fundraise after the theft.

Volunteers were back on the High Street on Saturday, December 17, and thanked people for their generosity.

Mr Morris said: "Most of the comments I have had are particularly critical of someone who thinks it's OK

to steal charity money.
"I think when people donate they don't take kindly to it being stolen."

Despite the theft, Santa's sleigh and helpers raised nearly £2,000 over the Christmas period.

Following the theft the

Rotary Club's main aim was to try to recover some of the money, to push the total collected past the £2,000 mark.

Yesterday, the club finally had the stolen money re-

Mr Morris said: "I just counted it this morning, we got back £133, more or less what we expected.

It brings the total raised by the Rotary Club over Christ-mas to a record-breaking £2,106,67.

Mr Morris thanked the public for all their dona-

added: "From our point of view the money we've raised is the biggest

ever for Christmas.

"We are really, really happy with what we have got back."

The money will be given as grants to local good causes as well as international





COMMUNITY

Lions take pride in top award

HAVERHILL Lions have won a prestigious national award for their grotto at Sturmer Nurseries

The grotto was created and run by club members who were presented with the 'Greatest Charity Grotto' team award at the Garden Trade News Greatest Christmas Awards on January 8.

To win, the team beat off stiff competition from across the UK, including Inverness and Belfast.

Haverhill Lions president David Goodwin said: "Our members gave up a lot of their time to make Santa's Grotto at Sturmer Nurseries a great success. To be recognised with a national award is a lovely surprise."

Over three weeks in December, Santa's grotto attracted more than 600 children and raised more than £3,000 for local charities.

Sturmer Nurseries manager Robert Mason said: "'It's great that the Lions have been recognised for the fundraising efforts in a national award '

The team is still deciding which charities to split the money between but the Burton Centre, part of St Nicholas Hospice, on Camps Road, is one of this year's beneficiaries.

Last year the funds raised by the grotto went to charities Reach, St Nicholas Hospice and Haverhill

Ocean Cruising

Lidl will be last to open its doors at retail park

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THE grocery giant Lidl will not open its store at the new Haverhill Retail Park until next year.

The supermarket chain has hired its own specialised contractor to build its newest shop, meaning work will not begin until April.

A spokesperson for Lidl said this was not a delay, work was always planned to begin in April with an opening date for early next year.

The store is expected to create 40 jobs in the area once it opens.

It was expected that all the stores including Lidl, Home Bargains and a Pets at Home would open in the late spring or early summer.

But despite Lidl's later opening, developers of the new site believe the other retailers will open as planned once building finishes in

Howard Group Development manager Colin Brown said: "I absolutely expect the other retailers will open prior to Lidl."

He added that the contractors Lidl uses usually work pretty quickly and it could be open by the end



SPECIALISED CONTRACTOR: An artist's impression of the Lidl store expected to open early next year on Haverhill

of the year.

Building for the other units at the former Project Office Furniture site is well under way with the steelwork nearly complete.

Town, borough and county councillor John Burns remained confident the other shops would still

open in the spring.

He said: "Effectively there are now two separate developments.

But the others will hopefully open at the end of April."

Cllr Burns also said the units for

Pets at Home and Home Bargains may be handed over early for outfitting which may see the park open ahead of schedule.

The £5 million project is expected to create 110 jobs once finished.

There are also some who want to change the name of the site.

Some people are worried Haverhill Retail Park sounds too similar to other nearby developments.

These include Haverhill Research Park and Haverhill Business Park.

Cllr Burns is taking suggestions for possible new names.

The final decision will be made by the Howard Group developers if they feel another suggested name is more appropriate.

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Tributes paid to accident victim

ANNA SAVVA

A MIDDLE-AGED man has died in hospital after his wheelchair was involved in a crash with a van.

Chris Clements, 40, of Beech Croft, Brinkley, had been left fighting for his life following the crash on the B1052 near the village last

Wednesday. His family said: "Our wonderful Chris, a cherished son, father of three sons, brother, uncle and true friend to so many was a truly amazing person, so very much loved by us all and whose courage, determination and his desire to make a difference was an inspiration to all who knew him.

"Chris will be fondly remembered by all who were lucky enough to have been

a part of his life.
"As a child, and continuing into his adult years Chris was a vibrant, cheeky, mis-chievous and larger-thanlife character. He made the most of the opportunities he had."

Cambridgeshire police said Mr Clements was travelling in a wheelchair close to the road at 2.25pm when he was involved in a collision with a silver Peugeot Partner.

He was treated at the scene before being taken to hospital by air ambulance with head injuries that were described as life threaten-

ing.

He was taken to Addenbrooke's Hospital in Cambridge but died on Friday morning as a result of his injuries.

A number of traffic officers went to the scene of the accident. The East of England Ambulance Service confirmed that an ambulance, ambulance officer, rapid response vehicle and an East Anglian Air Ambulance helicopter all re-



FONDLY REMEMBERED: Chris Clements was described by his family as being vibrant, cheeky and mischievous and said to have made the most of the opportunities he had

sponded to the incident. Police are asking for anyone who witnessed the collision to get in touch.

Anyone who witnessed the collision should call 101 and ask to speak to a member of the Roads Policing



Graffiti vandals targeting schools

A SERIES of graffiti attacks have been carried out at schools in Haverhill.

Churchill Special Free School and Samuel Ward Academy were both victims of vandalism over the Christmas break.

The schools are both part of the Samuel Ward Academy Trust and are on the same

However, the incidents

happened on separate occasions.

At Samuel Ward Academy the vandals broke into the special needs area between January 3 and 4 and smashed two large windows.

They also sprayed graffiti on cupboard doors, walls and books.

Howard Lay, chief executive of the Samuel Ward Academy Trust, said:

"We can confirm there were incidents of graffiti on the buildings of both Churchill Free Special School and Samuel Ward Academy.

"We, of course, condemn any act of vandalism to any of the schools operated within the trust

The police currently have four suspects and anyone with information should call police on 101.



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ENTERTAINMENT



MAGICAL PERFORMANCE: Lance corporal Richard Jones will be appearing at Haverhill Arts Centre on May 5

Lance corporal's show promises to be just magic

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SOLDIER magician Richard Jones is set to wow the audience at a near sell-out performance at Haverhill Arts Centre this spring.

Richard won last year's Britain's Got Talent series with his magic tricks, beating 11 other finalists in the TV talent compe-

Speaking to the *News*, Richard said he wanted to continue to tell important stories about the armed forces through his magic.

The lance corporal, who has served in the Parachute Regiment and the Household Cavalry, said: "I am planning a number of stories about how the Magic Circle helped with wars and military campaigns that not a lot of people know about.

Many of his tricks are inspired by stories of past magicians turned soldiers.

One of his main inspirations is Robert Houdin, who served in the 1800s and helped the French quell rebellion in Africa.

During one particular trick, Houdin rendered the colony's biggest, toughest soldier inert by 'taking' his power.

Richard joked about doing the same to the biggest, toughest member of the Haverhill audi-

The lance corporal, who is still serving in the Army, said he was keen to keep his shows close to armed forces bases. RAF Lakenheath and RAF Mildenhall are close to Haverhill. He said: "I know there's a big army community in the area.

The 26-year-old also praised his Army bosses for being so supportive.

He said: "The Army are really supportive. If you are doing something in a particular field

they are really supportive.
"There are a lot Olympians in the armed forces and they are always supportive.'

He also spoke of his pride in seeing the respect shown for the

armed forces by the public. He said: "Getting a standing ovation at the Royal Variety Performance, seeing the amount of respect the British people have for the forces was incredible."

Richard is performing at Haverhill Arts Centre on May 5.

Ford Transit van is again the target of tool thieves

A NUMBER of tools have been stolen from a Ford Transit van in Westwood Deals, Kedington.

The theft happened between 5pm on January 3 and 10am

Police do not know how the thieves got into the van as

there were no signs of a forced

A number of tools were stolen including a Mikita Combi drill set, an 18-volt Makita angle grinder, two Makita drills, a Stihl disc cutter and a 240-volt breaker.

A Tom Tom sat nav and radio equipment were also taken.

This was the latest in a series of tool thefts from transit vans. Last October more than £15,000 worth of tools were

stolen in a spate of thefts.
It is thought thieves may be

using an electronic decoding device to get into the vans.

Police are urging trade people to remove tools from their vans overnight if possible. Anyone wanting advice should contact their local Support Network Team on 101.

Scheme raises concerns over delayed ambulances

HANNAH MIRSKY @HannahMirskyCN

AMBULANCES could be prevented from getting to medical emergencies in time if a development of 50 retirement flats is built, councillors have been told.

The proposed development on the site of a former care home in Camps Road shares an access road with Haverhill's ambulance sta-

At a meeting of St Edmundsbury Borough Council's development control committee last Thursday, Nicola Turner from the East of **England Ambulance Service Trust** explained the problem.

She said that in December alone. the ambulance service attended almost 400 999 calls in Haverhill.

She added that the ambulance and two cars based at the Camps Road station have to be able to arrive at the most life-threatening emergencies within eight minutes. and their funding will be cut if they do not reach this target

"Any delay not only has an impact financially, but it's also detrimental to patient care," she said.



CONTROVERSIAL: The proposed retirement flats in Camps Road, Haverhill

"If you look at cardiac arrests, time matters. Anything that could delay our response is detrimental.

She said it was particularly the construction phase of the development that caused concern, as construction vehicles and lorries could block the access road.

Councillors said that the Camps Road site, which also includes Haverhill's former social services building and magistrates' court, needed to be redeveloped as a whole. It was suggested the ambulance station should be moved.

Cllr Peter Stevens said: "The problems that this has thrown up suggest we need to look holistical ly at this site. The ambulance station is in the wrong place. We need to look at how to get better blue light services in Haverhill.

The application has already caused controversy, when a row broke out in November over how much the developers, Churchill Retirement Living, should contribute towards affordable housing.
This led to Churchill appealing

to the planning inspector over the

fact that a decision had not been made.

At Thursday's meeting, councillors decided that if the appeal had not gone in, they would have rejected the application. Chairman of the committee Jim Thorndyke indicated they would be fighting the appeal.



CHARITY

Get into the groove for good causes

YOU can get moving to retro music and raise cash for good causes at the same time at an event set to take place next month.

The fundraising evening will take place at Kedington Community Centre on Saturday, February 4, at

Local band The Dinosaurs will be playing tunes from the 60s and 70s, and there will also be a raffle featuring prizes put up by local companies including a meal for two and a photography sitting.

The event will be raising money for Cancer Research UK and The Rosie maternity hospital at Addenbrooke's in Cambridge. Organiser Paul Wills said: "My daughter-in-law had an awful lot of

time in The Rosie with a premature baby last year.

"I have got a friend in Addenbrooke's – he's 28 – with a really bad form of cancer."

He said that if tickets for the event sold out it would make £3,000, to be divided between the two charities.

Tickets cost £12 and are available from Chapman and Sons in Haverhill High Street, and from **Kedington Butchers**

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GRIMLEY

June Margret Of Lowestoft formerly of Haverhill.

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She will be deeply missed by all.



MEAD Albert Edward (Eddie)

of Haverbill

Died peacefully in Addenbrooke's Hospital on 30th December 2016. aged 83 years.

Dearly loved Husband of Sylvie, much loved Dad of Chris and Barbara, dearest Grandad of Chris, Christie, Ella & Poppy and dear Great Grandad to Kenny.

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Doreen Joyce

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Beloved Wife of the late Jim and dearly loved by all her family, many friends and Church.

Funeral Service at Castle Camps United Reformed Church at 11.30am on Tuesday 24th January 2017 followed by

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No flowers please but if wished donations for Castle Camps U.R.C. may be sent c/o

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STONE Michael William

Died peacefully at home on Monday 26th December 2016, aged 87 years, after a long illness bravely borne.

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Funeral service at West Suffolk Crematorium on Thursday 19th January 2017 at 12.45pm.

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WISEMAN **Phyllis**

of New England Birdbrook

died peacefully in Addenbrooke's Hospital after a brief illness on 29th December 2016,

aged 96 years. Devoted wife of the late Cyril, much loved mother of Julia, Peter, Stuart and Philip and a dearly loved nan and great nan.

Funeral service at Birdbrook Parish Church on Wednesday 18th January 2017 at 11.30am,

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Grants given out to good causes

A PROJECT to help struggling families in Haverhill is set to receive more than $\mathfrak{L}7,000$ as part of a tranche of grants given out to good causes across the borough.

HomeStart's Coupals Court project recruits volunteers in Haverhill who create networks in the community and then go into homes of those who are struggling.

The families they visit may be struggling with issues such as postnatal illnesses, parenting young children, multiple births, bereavement or mental health issues.

The project is set to receive £7,454 as part of St Edmundsbury Borough Council's latest tranche of Community Chest grants.

The aim of the project is to help the struggling families to engage with the community

Cllr Robert Everitt, St Edmundsbury's cabinet member for families and communities, said: "Unhappy, HANNAH MIRSKY

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dysfunctional families make for unhappy children which can become a bit of a cycle. HomeStart relies on volunteers who have lived parenting, made the mistakes and survived, who are willing to draw on their own experiences and help those families out of a state of crisis. It's simple but effective."

St Edmundsbury and Forest Heath District Council together are giving out a total of £340,000 to 17 projects for 2017/18.

The focus of the projects they have chosen is helping families and communities to become more resilient.

West Suffolk Citizens' Advice – which includes the Haverhill bureau in Lower Downs Slade – has been given £182,000 by St Edmundsbury to support the work the charity does giving out free information and advice.

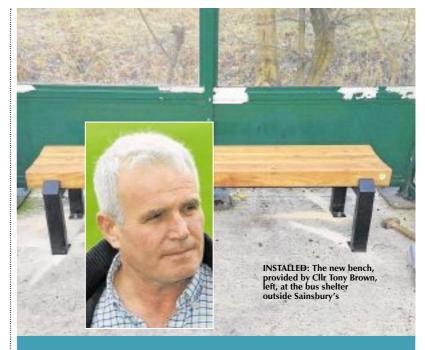
Our Special Friends is an organisation that helps isolated people suffering problems such as bereavement and illness by giving them animal companionship. It has been awarded £6,000 by St Edmundsbury.

Suffolk Cruse Bereavement Care is set to receive more than £9,400 towards the costs its volunteers incur when they visit homes to offer counselling. Survivors in Transition

Survivors in Transition provides support to adult survivors of childhood sexual abuse and is set to get £11,560. The organisation is also hoping to set up a network and support group in St Edmundsbury.

Upbeat Heart Support is being given £7,875 towards the cost of a cardiac nurse to support heart attack survivors.





Councillor takes action to provide bench

A NEW bench has been installed for weary Haverhill shoppers outside Sainsbury's.

Sainsbury's.
Town, borough and county councillor Tony Brown put in the bench during his free time to provide residents with a

fully functional bus shelter. Cllr Brown took the initiative after a resident

said he was planning on asking Suffolk County Council for a bench. Cllr Burns said: "I realised that I had a had a spare heavy duty bench that I no

longer used, so when we had a couple of hours spare at my workshop this week we refurbished the bench and then installed it at the bus stop."

The bench was put in during the first week in January.



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excursion was

followed by a

three-minute run

split into a

A running joke that wasn't funny

DECIDED to make some New Year's resolutions in an attempt to make myself more viable.

I have now reached the age where, if I were the equivalent in car years, my owner would worry about taking me for my MOT. Bits have started falling off, and there's some rust around my trim.

Joint chief among my resolutions were "get fit (again)" and "eat less bread". The second of this is because I work odd hours and eat too many sandwiches as a result. I am roughly 38% sandwich.

But the first of those was prompted by a trip a few days ago up five flights of stairs, which left me not so much out of breath as with my lungs trying

to escape my body via my ears. This time last year I would have been able to take those stairs with a bounce and then drop to the floor and do 50 press-ups, if it had not been for the looks I would have got from the diners in Nando's.

Back then I was running 4-5k three times a week and pondering the next step - registering for a 10k race. I even owned actual special running

shoes and trousers, which just goes to show how serious I was, when you consider I eat a lot of bread but don't even own a toaster.

But I stopped running after a minor setback, and found it difficult to get started again. For, once you have stopped running, it is hard to get the motivation to start again, in the absence of a pursuing lion or a chugger with a clipboard.

So yesterday (as I write) I pulled on my special running trousers and shoes. My special running trousers are black and very, erm, form-fitting, so I look a little like a goth principal

Luckily, I run without glasses, partly because they would steam up and/or fall off, but mostly so I cannot see the disgusted looks of people coming in the opposite direction.

Normally, I run in silence, listening only to my ragged breathing, my heartbeat, and the annoying jingling of a pound coin against my key.

But this was a new start, and I chose to listen as I ran to a running podcast, which plays blandly inspirational music, while a nice lady five-minute run followed by another short walk, all of which is then repeated. That sounds sensible,

but it does not take into account the fact that

short walk, then a

passers-by see you running and then stopping to walk, and assume you are a massive lazybones who can't cut it as a runner.

My initial three-minute run don't laugh, you try running for three solid minutes when you haven't broken into a jog since you were 15 - was not too taxing, and it was good when the lady told me I was doing really well and I only had 60 seconds to go.

By the time of the second five-minute run, the nice lady was really starting to get my dander up. I was seeing stars and could hear my blood whooshing around my

Because she was telling me

how well I was doing and I knew - I KNEW - that she was recording this motivational message in a warm studio with a tea and Kit-Kat on the go while she leafed through Take A

"ARGH, SHUT UP, YOU IDIOT!" I cried.

And as I finished the run, an agonising stitch in my side, and began the warm-down walk, she told me that people often get a stitch during this run, so I should have a drink of water before I set off next time.

It was the last straw

"WHY DIDN'T YOU TELL ME THAT BEFORE, YOU SILLY MOO!" I yelled out in the deserted street.

If I had not been wearing earphones, I would not have been angered by the nice woman.

And if I had not been wearing earphones I would have heard the pounding on the pavement of the two women running behind me, who

passed me laughing.
I can only hope it was at my seemingly insane outbursts and not my special running trousers.

Argh, shut up, you idiot! I cried.... tells you when to run and when to rest. For when you start running again, you can't just launch into a half-hour run. You have to ease into it. And I was easing into it at first. My rousers or

the shouting

that left me







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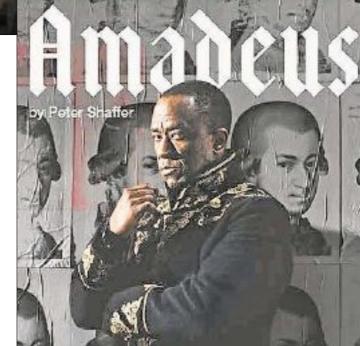


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- The arts centre's first event in February is a live broadcast from the National Theatre that

- Jealousy. 'No, it's not chronicling a spat between Simon Cowell and Louis Walsh but the 18th century rivalry between Mozart and Salieri. When Wolfgang Amadeus, a rowdy young prodigy arrives in Vienna, Salieri, the court composer, is torn between admiration for the upstart genius and a desire to pulverise him out of existence. Lucien Msamati plays the potential pulveriser on . Thursday, February 2, at 7pm.
- If you are a fan of Kate Bush and you missed out on her recent shows then this next event is for you. Cloudbusting is the UK's longest running and most applauded Kate Bush tribute. Mandy Watson as the voice of Kate encompasses her range with accuracy but not caricature. Sit back and absorb such favourites as Wuthering Heights, Babooshka and This Woman's Work on
- Friday, February 3 ■ Brass United, on Sunday, February 5, at 7.30pm sees Haverhill Youth and Community Band perform alongside Hadstock

- quintet with a difference. The bands will play separately and then come together for a rousing
- Cinema treats for the coming days are A Street Cat Named Bob in which a cat, of the street called Bob acts as a saviour and guiding light for busker and addict James. Interestingly, in this film based on a true story, Bob plays himself. He didn't train at RADA, he's self-taught. See if Bob deserves a feline Oscar on Monday, January 23, at 1.30pm and Tuesday January 24, at
- The arts centre has a repeat showing of The Girl on the Train on Monday, January 23, at 7.30pm. Emily Blunt plays Rachel in this adaptation of Paula Hawkins's best-selling novel.
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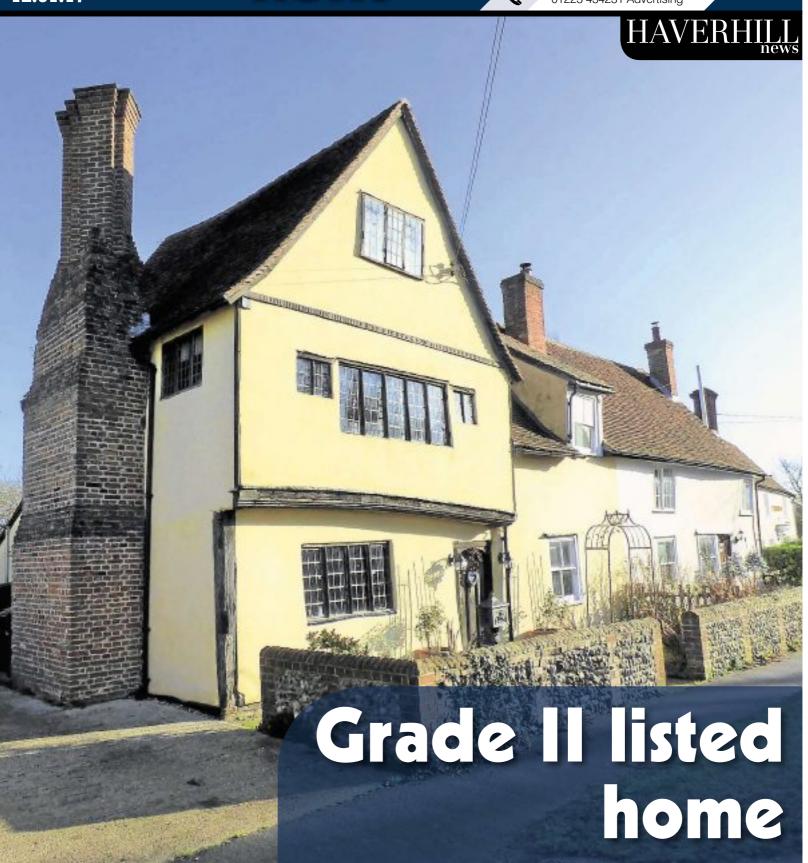
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Feature homes

Cover property - Ridgewell: £520,000

THIS Grade II listed semi detached family home in Ridgewell is now on the market at a guide price of £520,000. Upon arrival at the property, you'll be stepping through an original timber front door into an entrance hallway with Suffolk brick flooring. This room leads directly towards the dining room, with glazed window to the front, an inglenook fireplace with multifuel burning stove, radiator and space for a large set of table and chairs.

Next door is the kitchen, which has been recently refitted with a matching range of eye level and base units, with tiling in between, solid wooden work tops and a butler style sink with a chrome mono mixer tap. In addition to these features, there is plumbing for washing machine and dishwasher, as well as space for a large range cooker.

Adjacent to the kitchen is the lounge, with a brick-built feature fireplace with multifuel burning stove, engineered oak flooring, radiator, TV and power points. It also has glazed French doors leading towards the rear garden. The first floor is split into two

sections, which have to be

accessed via separate staircases. Across these two sections you can find the master bedroom, which has glazed windows and a brick-built feature fireplace. The three additional bedrooms all feature glazed windows and radiators, as well as a spacious design.

The first floor is completed by a family bathroom, with Victoriana-style bath with chrome mixer tap, wash hand basin and low level WC. Elsewhere, there is the family shower room, a refitted white suite with large shower cubicle, vanity wash hand basin and a chrome mono mixer tap, in addition to a low level WC. The exterior of the property has features including a small front garden laid to lawn, with a concerete block paved pathway leading to the entrance. The rear of the property features a barn design single garage/workshop, as well as a driveway accomodating several vehicles. There is a garden area laid to shingle whilst behind the garage there is a larger garden, laid to lawn with a wooden garden shed

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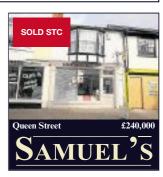
Family house situated on the popular Hanchett Village development on the Cambridge side of town. The property offers re-fitted kitchen, g/f cloakroom, lounge/diner, conservatory, three bedrooms, shower room, side and rear gardens and garage & driveway EPC rating: D. 66













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Guide Price £199,950





Haverhill Offers In Excess Of £290,000

A conveniently located three bedroom end of terrace property situated in a popular cul de sac within close proximity to the town centre and its amenities. The property in brief benefits from lounge/diner, pleasant rear garden and two allocated parking spaces. Offered for sale with no onward chain. (EPC Rating F).

An extremely well presented and spacious four bedroom townhouse situated on the popular Hanchett Rise development. The property benefits from versatile accommodation, generous master bedroom with en-suite shower room, study / dressing room, single garage and parking. (EPC Rating).



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THE FUTURE: Is autonomous

New BMW centre for autonomous driving

BMW is starting a new development centre for autonomous driving technology ahead of the brand's first autonomous car arriving in 2021

The Unterschleissheim campus, situated near Munich, will be the base for 2,000 BMW employees, who will work on developing and road-testing driverless cars.

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BMW has confirmed it
will introduce its first fully
autonomous vehicle – the iNext –
in 2021, and the move represents
an even greater commitment to
the technology.

Andre Muller, a software

Andre Muller, a software developer in the autonomous driving team, confirmed that the brand would be developing the iNext's software entirely in-house.

"We do our own programming here and are responsible for implementing our own ideas," he explained. "We use the latest technologies, such as ROS (Robot Operating System), and are able to see the results quickly and directly in the vehicle."

The new centre will open in the summer.

New year kicks off with fuel price rises

DRIVERS are being hit with the most expensive petrol prices in more than two years.

A litre of petrol reached an average of £1.17 in the UK on Monday, Government figures show

This is higher than at any point since December 2014.

Diesel car drivers are also feeling the strain on their wallets, with an average price per litre of £1.20, last seen in July 2015.

The data from the Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy shows that petrol and diesel prices rose by more than three pence per litre in the past four weeks.

The increase in pump prices follows a 24 per cent rise in the price of oil, from 45 US dollars (£37) in mid-November to 56 US dollars (£46) by the end of December.

Mercedes prices the E-Class Coupe from £40,135



TWO-DOOR: The new E-Class Coupe is available to order now with first deliveries due in April

MERCEDES-BENZ has announced the pricing and specifications for its new E-Class Coupe.

The two-door coupe will cost £40,135 in its most basic E 220d guise, with prices rising above £50,775 for the more powerful, four-wheel-drive E 400.

The basic diesel engine is the same 2.0-litre unit used in the saloon, and its 192bhp output is enough to take the E-Class Coupe from a standstill to 60mph in 7.2 seconds. It's also capable of returning up to 61.4mpg and emitting carbon dioxide at a rate of 119g/km.

Paying an extra £890 will buy you the 2.0-litre petrol-engined E 300. A turbocharger allows this variant to boast 241bhp and a 6.2-second 0-60mph sprint. It also has returns of 40.4mpg and 160g/km

CO2 emissions on the combined cycle.

Crowning the range, however, is the E 400. A 3.0-litre, twin-turbo V6 petrol engine sends 329bhp to all four wheels, permitting a 5.1-second 0-60mph time. Perhaps unsurprisingly, the E 400 is less frugal than its stablemates, returning just 33.6mpg and 189g/km CO2 emissions.

No matter which powerplant you go for, though, it will be paired with the same ninespeed automatic transmission.

There's just one trim level available, too:
AMG Line. As standard, all variants will get
19-inch alloy wheels, half-leather upholstery,
satellite navigation, parking sensors and a
reversing camera.

The E-Class Coupe is available to order now, with first customer deliveries expected in April.

Learner drivers due to practice on motorways

EARNER drivers will be allowed to practice on motorways for the first time if a government plan to improve road safety is given the go-ahead.

Under current rules, first-time drivers make their way on to motorways after they pass their test, having had no training on the 70mph roads.

On Friday, Transport Minister Andrew Jones announced the plan, which would allow approved instructors to take "competent" trainees on motorways in dualcontrolled cars.

RAC Foundation director Steve Gooding and Neil Greig, policy director at the IAM RoadSmart charity backed the proposal

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Mr Gooding said: "The casualty
statistics tell us that motorways are
our safest roads, but they can feel
anything but safe to a newly-qualified

driver heading down the slip road for the first time to join a fast moving, often heavy, flow of traffic.

"Many are so intimidated by the motorway environment that they choose instead to use statistically more dangerous roads, so we welcome this move which will help new drivers get the training they need to use motorways safely."

Mr Greig said it was a "sensible and measured solution", and added: "It makes no sense that new drivers learn by trial and, often fatal, error how to use our fastest and most important roads."

Plans also include motorcyclists

Plans also include motorcyclists having to take a theory test as part of the compulsory basic training (CBT) course, which allows the bikes, as well as mopeds, to be ridden unaccompanied.

CBT certificates will also be revoked if the motorist gets six

penalty points if the proposal is

approved.
Mr Jones said: "These changes will equip learners with a wider range of experience and greater skill set which will improve safety levels on our roads."

Reports said the Government was considering making learner drivers undertake 120 hours of training before taking their tests, but the Department for Transport said there were "no current plans" for such a measure.

A spokeswoman said: "We have commissioned a £2 million research programme that will look at ways we can reduce the number of accidents involving new and inexperienced drivers, and this will look at a range of measures."

The Royal Society for the Prevention of Accidents (RoSPA) welcomed the plan. A spokesman said: "Anything that will provide young drivers with more realistic training to prepare them for when they become independent drivers is good.

"Driving under the supervision of an approved driving instructor and practising entry and exit from slip roads and overtaking will be good experience for learner drivers. We would also be in favour of measures that included a minimum number of hours of training. "At the moment, research finds

"At the moment, research finds that young drivers who do not undertake post-test training, which is the majority of them, feel daunted by the prospect of going on to a motorway for the first time. This means that some may refrain from using motorways, which are the safest roads in the country, and instead use roads that are not as

Crown Garage of Soham hosts open day this Saturday



CROWN GARAGE: Based on Soham's High Street

CROWN Garage of Soham, the Honda dealership, is hosting its regular annual sales event on Saturday, January 14.

The event, at the newly improved showroom in Soham High Street, is designed to showcase all that's good about the Honda range while providing lots of entertainment for the whole family.

for the whole family.
"The event starts at 9am
and goes on until 5pm," says

Crown's sales director Derek Fisher. "On the day there will be a hog roast, nail bar, casino wheel, plus the fastest lawnmower in the world – it's been souped up by Honda."

In terms of cars there will be a special offer of 17 new cars at exclusive prices available on a first-come first-served basis.

Models will include Civics, CRVs and the Jazz.

"We have a wide range of

new and used Hondas, priced from £6,000 upwards," says Derek, "and we carry out full servicing at the High Street site alongside our parts facilities.

The Honda event will be repeated at Crown's King's Lynn site on January 21.

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Volvo adds Skype to its dashboard connectivity

OLVO Cars, the premium car maker, has announced that it will introduce Skype for Business, Microsoft's leading collaborative productivity app, to its new 90 Series cars. Volvo Cars is the first carmaker to launch such an in-car productivity tool.

"We've all been there. Sitting in the car trying to join a conference call. You either fumble with or drop your phone while trying to connect or you forget the long pin code to join. It's not the best way to start an important call in the car. On top of all that your attention is not where it should be — on the road. With the addition of Skype for Business all that goes away," said Anders Tylman-Mikiewicz, vice president of consumer connectivity services at Volvo Car Group.

Skype for Business is actively used by millions of people at work around the globe. In Volvo's 90 Series cars people will be able to view their upcoming meetings and participant details, and join meetings with one click via the large centre display.

"Skype for Business represents



MEETING OF MINDS: Volvo is putting Skype for Business into the 90 Series

another big step forward for our incar connectivity and communication offer. With the dawn of autonomous cars we see a future where flexible in-car productivity tools will enable people to reduce time spent in the office. This is just the beginning of a completely new way of looking at how we spend time in the car," said Tylman-Mikiewicz.

Volvo Cars' approach to the

application of technology in their cars is grounded in the desire to make their customers' lives easier and safer by using the latest relevant technology in a smart way.

Volvo's partnership with Microsoft also includes the exploration of using Cortana, Microsoft's intelligent personal assistant, with the express intention of adding seamless voice recognition and contextual insights to

support peoples' daily lives by actively predicting their needs.

"Volvo Cars is leading the way

"Volvo Cars is leading the way in its recognition that the nature of work is increasingly mobile. People need to be productive from anywhere – including their cars," said Ben Canning, director of poduct management for Skype for Business at Microsoft. "We're thrilled to extend modern meetings to Volvo cars."

Working together with Microsoft and Ericsson, who provide cloudbased solutions for Volvo Cars, the Swedish company continues to develop and provide visionary services and features for its growing customer base.

"In-car communication is something that we have worked with for years at Volvo. From the built-in handsets of the 1980s and early 90s through to our standard Bluetooth(R) hands-free functionality, we have understood the importance of making life easier for people on the move while keeping a firm focus on safety and minimising driver distraction," added Anders Tylman-Mikiewicz.



Skoda's new Octavia vRS is most powerful

SKODA has revealed the new Octavia vRS, and it's the most powerful Octavia ever made.

Powered by a 2.0-litre turbocharged petrol engine, the Octavia vRS produces 227bhp, which allows it to reach 60mph in 6.5 seconds and hit a top speed of 155mph. Power is sent to the road via a six-speed manual gearbox, though a six-speed dual-clutch automatic can also be specified for additional cost.

Sports suspension has also been fitted, lowering the car by 15mm. The car's rear track is also 30mm wider than the model it replaces, and it sits on 18-inch wheels as standard, while 19-inch units can be fitted as an optional extra.

Despite this performance surge, the new vRS still manages to achieve 43.4mpg combined and emit 149g/km CO2.

The Octavia vRS is available in either hatchback or estate layouts.



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AT LAS VEGAS: New VW technology

Volkswagen has app to get you connected

AT the Consumer Electronics Show (CES) in Las Vegas last weekend Volkswagen unveiled its vision of future mobility - a world of intelligent connectivity and sustainable vehicles.

The Volkswagen presentation at CES 2017 will focus on the networking of people, vehicles and surrounding environments. "Thanks to App Connect, our customers can already connect just about any smartphone with their vehicle - but with the Volkswagen User-ID we're taking things a major step further. says Dr Volkmar Tanneberger, head of electrical and electronic Development at Volkswagen. "The seamless integration of Partner Services combined with our own online services will create an entirely new user experience.

New car stars for 2017

EW car sales in Britain are booming and buyers have never had it so good in more ways than one.

While 2017 looks to be a bumper

year for new models including an all-new version of the nation's top seller, the Ford Fiesta, there are some stars in the making from unlikely sources.

Korean car maker Kia will be blazing a trail later in the year with a performance model to rival the likes of the BMW 4 Series and Alfa Romeo will be joining the SUV set with its new Stélvio.

Stalwarts due for replacement in the coming months include the BMW 5 Series, a bigger Mini Countryman estate and at the luxury end of the market Audi will be rolling out its latest A8 saloon.

Land Rover too will be revitalising another iconic British model with the fifth generation of the Discovery now moving upmarket almost into the Range Rover zone - arriving in the spring.

With personal contract plans enabling more and more motorists to get into the car of their dreams for only a few hundred pounds a month the new car market is changing considerably.

Latest figures from the Society of Motor Manufacturers and Traders





MAKING PROGRESS: The all-new 2017 Range Rover Discovery, left, and the all-new Ford Fiesta, right

reveal that new car sales in the UK are at a record high with more than 2.5 million models being registered this year up to the end of November.

The Ford Fiesta remains the most popular model already notching up more than 112,000 sales putting it well ahead of its nearest rival, the Vauxhall Corsa on 73,000.

Ford revealed the new Fiesta last month at its European headquarters in Germany and it will be on sale in

What is different about the new model is a shift towards high end technology and big car levels of refinement in superminis, a trend sure to be followed by the likes of Nissan with its new Micra, also due to arrive early in the new year.

Kia will have a new player in small hatch market too with the updated Rio arriving late in January prior to the release of its new performance-oriented GT model towards the end of the year.

The GT, which is likely to include a feisty V6 engine in the line up, will have its world premiere in the next couple of weeks at the North American International Auto Show in Detroit.

British-built models are now in high demand and as well as the MINI and the new Discovery. Honda will be launching a new version of the Swindon-made Civic which is also due for release in the springtime ahead of a new hot hatch in the shape of the latest Civic Type

Jaguar will also be turning on the style with the next generation XF Sportbrake estate which is due in the summer while before the year is out it will be blazing a trail into the fast growing electric car market with the stunning I-PACE – a battery-powered SUV with a range of more than 300 miles on a single charge.

Another head-turner which is due to arrive before Easter is the Mazda MX-5 RF, the hardtop version of the world's favourite roadster. It has a foldaway metal roof and a fastback design which is going to set it apart in the sports car market.

Other models to watch for in 2017 include a heavily reworked Volkswagen Golf, Vauxhall's new – and larger - Insignia and a coupe version of the Range Rover Sport.



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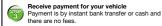
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A new Lego Ninjago World will open in May with the centrepiece the UK's first-ever 4D hand gesture-enabled ride.

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A new world, of course, means more Lego models and more than 20 will be there, including two 5ft guardian dragons built from 77.280 bricks

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NORTHERN ISLAND A HISTORIC guesthouse on Northern Ireland's only inhabited island has reopened.

The 11-room boutique Manor House on Rathlin Island, off the County Antrim coast, overlooks the harbour and also features a fantastic menu created with

locally-sourced ingredients. Rathlin offers activities including bird watching, walking, diving, lighthouse tours and painting and is reached by a daily ferry from Ballycastle. Rates start at £80 B&B (manorhouserathlin.com).

SLOVENIA

INTERCONTINENTAL is opening a hotel in the centre of Slovenia's delightful capital Ljubljana in May.

The 165-room property by the famous Triple Bridge will have views over the Ljubljanica River, a spa, fitness centre and swimming pool with a showcase 21st-floor restaurant with an outdoor terrace (ihg.com).



IS name is Nkemele, which means 'Wait for me' in the South African language of Tswana

And I really did wait for him - for half a century.
But it was well worth all those

years of being obsessed with elephants and wanting to see them in the wild.

Because Nkemele is a magnificent bull elephant, and he came so close to me that I could touch him.

This majestic beast lives in Pilanesburg National Park in north-west South Africa and was munching grass in solitary splendour when we spotted him in the

I held my breath as he lumbered towards our jeep. We sat transfixed as he pulled at trees by the side of the track - then slowly walked past

us. We were close enough to see his eyelashes and the one tusk that had been broken off, perhaps in a fight.

They say elephants never forget but this was a magical, emotional moment I will remember always.

For someone whose home is full of elephants in paintings, on mugs, cushions and made of everything from wood to glass, to see one in its

natural habitat was overwhelming. But Nkemele wasn't the only one I saw on my brief stay in Pilanesberg.

On the game drive the previous evening we saw a herd of elephants including six babies, who crossed the track in front of us. Just wonder-

We didn't quite see all of the Big Five – elephant, rhino, buffalo, leopard and lion – but we saw a lion attacking a hippo, a mother rhino with its young, zebra, giraffes, baboons, warthogs and wildebeest.

They were all spotted and described by our excellent guides from Bakubung Bush Lodge, a luxury hotel with fabulous rooms in the heart of the park.

It's a two-and-a-half hour drive from Johannesburg, where our party flew from Heathrow with Virgin Atlantic, on a very comfortable flight, to celebrate 20 years of the airline flying to South Africa.

Sir Richard Branson himself flew back with us and the whole flight toasted him with champagne.

The flight takes about 11 hours and there's no jet lag because it's almost the same time zone.

It would be a shame to go all the way to South Africa and not venture into the bush to see its incredible wildlife, as we did, but it would also be a shame not to spend any time in

Johannesburg.
People probably see the capital as somewhere to pass through, or perhaps second best to South Africa's other great city, Cape Town

But actually it's a vibrant city whose reputation of being a crime-ridden murder capital is rapidly changing.

We went on a JoburgPlaces

walking tour led by author Gerald Garner, who said that eight years ago he wouldn't have dared take us to some of the once-derelict places in Downtown which are buzzing now. And he gave us the reassuring news that the city is no longer in the list of the top 50 most dangerous cities in the world.

Gerald has taken 12,000 people on tours in five years and the worst thing to happen to anyone was they fell down a hole missing a manhole cover.

His tours start at Joziburg Lane at No 1 Eloff, one of the parts of the city they are doing up. It was built in 1953 as a Rolls-Royce car showroom and has now been converted into flats, courtvards full of artwork and space for 200 small traders.

Another clever conversion is of a warehouse into the Neighbourgoods Market, held every Saturday on Juta Street. Two floors are full of delicious food from around the world and drinks from smoothies to cocktails, plus live music and stalls selling quirky jewellery and clothes. I particularly liked the deep-fried chicken from Sumting Fresh.

And on Sundays head to the newly-trendy district of Maboneng, for the street market, art, bars and

restaurants.
Another vibrant event is First Thursdays, when art galleries and others stay open late on the first Thursday of every month. They close off Kevs Avenue in Rosebank and it's taken over by street food vans, including a campervan with beer pumps built into the side of the van.

A jazz band set up on a flight of steps to serenade people, while we dined at new restaurant Marble which had a great atmosphere, views over the city and top food - we can recommend the steak, seafood and impala (this was before we'd seen them running about in the

I'll never forget this elephant A fifty-year love affair takes **ROZ** LAWS to a rapidly changing South Africa in search of a soulmate Nkemele the bull elephant in Pilanesberg National Park

Even better views can be had from the luxurious rooms at the Four Seasons Hotel in Westcliff.

From a hillside in the northern suburbs you look out on to a mass of

purple jacaranda trees.
This is all a sign of the cultural, colourful and cosmopolitan city that Johannesburg has become - but we shouldn't ignore its recent turbulent

The Apartheid Museum, which really ought to be called the Nelson Mandela Museum, is interesting, though I got more of a sense of the man by going round his modest

home in Soweto. Soweto - which means South West Township - is an extraordinary place and a must-see for any visitor to Joburg. A great way to see it from a local's point of view is with Lebo's Soweto, which runs tours explaining the history and culture. You can go by bicycle or by tuk tuk - a "threewheeled Ferrari" as our exuberant guide Lollipop called his vehicle.

For around £25 you get to sit back while a Soweto resident shows you the fascinating sights.

Nice houses and the obligatory McDonald's aren't too far from squatter camps and corrugated iron

shacks with no running water. But it's not all poverty here. Soweto Hospital is the largest in the southern hemisphere and Orlando Stadium is the home to the two biggest football teams in Africa - the Orlando Pirates and the Kaiser Chiefs, after whom the band was named.

Two huge cooling towers dominate the skyline. It was a coal-powered electricity plant, but a sign of the times – and a sign of how resilient South Africans are – is that the towers are now used for bungee jumping.

One must-see road in Soweto is Vilakazi Street, the only street in the world that was home to two Nobel Peace Prize winners in Mandela and Desmond Tutu.

And any tour will stop by the thought-provoking Hector Pieterson Memorial to the 1976 Soweto Uprising, in which hundreds of peacefully protesting students were shot dead by police.

Forty years on, the children of Soweto are all smiles as they wave and run alongside your bike or tuk

And the locals are friendly, too, in The Shack - a bar as rough and ready as the name suggests, but where the beer is about £1.

Talking of alcohol, make sure you have a Springbok, a moreish alcoholic shot that tastes like an After Eight.

It's creme de menthe with Amarula on top – that's the creamy local liqueur that's made from the fruit of the marula tree. As that's a preferred food of my favourite animal, it's also called the Elephant

Of course I brought some duty-free Amarula back with me. I couldn't resist as it has a picture of a magnificent elephant on the label that I call Nkemele.

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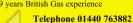
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Borough fight back twice to earn victory over Leiston

Football

HAVERHILL Borough came from behind twice to beat Leiston reserves 3-2 away in the Thurlow Nunn League, First Division.

Jarid Robson had a strike disallowed for offside and the hosts went ahead on 18 minutes thanks to Jack Garrard's looping header.

Craig Pruden got Borough back on terms on the half hour by touching home a cross from the left at the far

The hosts restored their lead four minutes later when Adam Blades strode into the box and blasted home.

A last-ditch header by Sam Hawley prevented Blades

from going through once more soon after.
But Casey Phillips made it all square after sweeping home Ryan Swallow's free kick just before half time.

Phillips and Swallow had further chances in the second half, but Charlie Holmes volleyed home the winner seven minutes from time after good work by Robson on the byline.

Haverhill Rovers suffered a third straight defeat as they lost 3-0 at home to Thetford in the Premier Division.

Cameron King made it past two defenders before slotting into the far bottom corner with Thetford's first attack after 10 minutes.

Ryan Fuller doubled the visitors' advantage on 32 minutes by putting a low shot just out of reach of Rovers keeper Charlie Turner.

Danny Hill thought he had pulled one back for Rovers with a header in first-half injury time after keeper Kingsley Barnes could only parry Luke Haines' 25-yard free kick, only for the chance to be ruled out for offside.

The hosts continued to push forward in search of a breakthrough after the interval.

But Thetford added a third on the counter-attack in the 68th minute with King beating left-back Will



ON TARGET: Craig Pruden scored Haverhill Borough's first goal against Leiston reserves Picture: Gary Brown

Gardner and managing to slide in to score after his initial shot was deflected.

Rovers were unable to grab a consolation despite efforts from Justin Leavers and Hill, who had an effort blocked on the line by a defender.



BELTER: Kartikaa Parthipan (centre) with Chalkstone Karate Club coaches Gary

Kartikaa makes Chalkstone history by earning black belt

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Martial arts

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Haverhill Charity Winter League Week 10 results: ESMC Á 5 Rose & Crown Á 3 ESMC B 7 Karro 1, Woolpack B 4 Woolpack A 4.

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